Admission of Scheduled Caste students in Delhi University

420. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Scheduled Caste students admitted in the various colleges of Delhi University as against the number of students who applied for admission and how does the admission figure compare with the reservations of seats in each of the colleges during the current academic year; and

(b) what are the reasons for the shortfall, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) 22.5 per cent (15 per cent for Scheduled Castes and 7.5 per cent Scheduled Tribe) of the total number of seats in various colleges of Delhi University are reserved for SC|ST candidates.

In Science Courses, all the 400 SC|ST candidates registered have been offered admission. In Arts & Social Sciences, out of 3326 SC|ST candidates registered, 3190 candidates have been offered admission. The remaining candidates are being adjusted in the courses where reserved seates are still available.

Railway conversion projects

421. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total budget allocation during the seventh Five Year Plan for the ongoing Metre Gauge to Broad Gauge conversion projects of the Railways in different parts of the country;

(b) how Government propose to complete these projects within stipulated time in the face of constraint of funds; and

(c) by when the Mamad-Parbhani-Parlo and Adilabad-Parbhani Metre Gauge to Broad Gauge conversion project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Rs. 150 Crores.

(b) It will be possible to complete only a few conversion projects in VIIth Plan.

(c) Completion of these projects will, depand on availablity or resources for Gauge conversions in the coming years.

Restructuring of Shipping Development Fund Committee

422. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which was recently published in some leading Newspapers about scrapping|re-structuring of the shipping Development Fund Committee (SDFC) and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what are the year-wise details of loans|advances|subsidies| guarantees given by shipping Development Fund Committee during the last 10 years, including the names of the beneficiary companies and the outstandings of principals and interests due from each; and

(c) what are the steps taken or proposed to be taken to recover outstanding dues from each of the defaulting companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) (a) Government has decided that the mechanism of providing credit to shipping industry through Shipping Development Fund